

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 23, 2007 in room F3 at the Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock
Gary McLeod
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on October 12, 2007.

APPLICATION NO. 3529-07. Janice M. San Souci seeking to install a shed in the rear yard at 47 Oldham Road.

Janice San Souci of 47 Oldham Road appeared before the commission. Also appearing was the contractor, Don Gove of Gove Restoration 82 Longvue Drive.

Ms. San Souci explained that she wishes to install an 8' x 12' shed in the southwest corner of the lot and 5' from all building lines. A picture of the proposed shed was provided. It will have vinyl shakes to match the house. The roof will also match the house. The shed has double doors, which will face Oldham Road and two windows with shutters. There will be no cupola.

Mr. Gove stated the shed will be built on 6 x 6 boards.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3530-07. Bill Leonard seeking to replace 8 windows on the sun porch at 71 Center Street.

Bill Leonard of 71 Center Street appeared before the commission. Also appearing was the contractor, Tim Gothers of 16 State Street. Pictures of the existing porch and windows were provided.

Mr. Leonard explained that he wishes to replace the eight windows on the porch. Two windows are located in the front and rear of the porch. Four windows are located on the side of the porch. The existing windows are French casement windows. The proposed windows are Eagle simulated French casement windows. The existing light divisions will be matched. The trim will be replicated as well. The proposed windows are white, simulated divided light, and aluminum clad on the outside.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3531-07. Marina Franzoni seeking to install a sign on the existing sign post at 135 Main Street.

Marina Franzoni of 17 Willard Street appeared before the commission. She provided a picture of the proposed sign, which is 30" x 36". The proposed sign will be wood or wood composite. The sign will be slate blue with gray carved lettering.

The applicant asked whether there were any other hearings she had to attend in order to obtain approval for the sign. She was advised to contact Kristin Stearley for additional information on any zoning or other requirements.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3532-07. Brendan Droney seeking to install a shed in the rear yard at 19 Middletown Avenue.

Brendan Droney of 19 Middletown Avenue appeared before the commission. He explained that he wishes to install a 10' x 12' shed on his property. He provided a plot plan and picture of the proposed shed. He stated the shed will be blocked from his neighbors' view, but will be visible from Spring Street Extension.

The shed will be installed on an existing stone pad. The shed has a double door and two windows. It will have vinyl shakes, shutters and roof to match the house. It will have no cupola. The doors will face south.

Commissioner Maycock read into the record a letter from Brian O'Connor of the Building Department dated October 22, 2007. The letter states that, if the shed is approved, it cannot be built with a permanent foundation because the property is on flood plain. The applicant confirmed that the shed will not be built on a foundation.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3533-07. WFLLC, Linda Pinn, Mgr. seeking to install seven (7) awnings over the storefronts at 217-233 Main Street.

Jim Fitzgerald of 100 Cedar Street, Hartford appeared before the commission representing the awning manufacturer. He provided pictures of the present awnings, and a sample of the material that the proposed awnings will be made of.

The proposed awnings will be 30" x 30" and will match across the entire building. They will be made of solid Hunter green canvas. Seven awnings will be stationery. An eighth awning over the entrance at Village Pizza will be retractable.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, and seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on the discussed applications and to open the public meeting on those applications.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3529-07. Janice M. San Souci seeking to install a shed in the rear yard at 47 Oldham Road.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner McLeod and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

- Vinyl shakes to match.
- Roof to match.
- The shed shall have double doors.
- Trim to match existing.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated the proposed shed was nice and would match the house in style and material. It has been used successfully elsewhere in the district. Commissioner Hart agreed. Commissioner McLeod indicated that the shed would have a low impact from the street.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3530-07. Bill Leonard seeking to replace 8 windows on the sun porch at 71 Center Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

- Windows shall be Eagle simulated French casement windows with 16 lights.
- The existing trim shall be replicated.
- The windows shall have external muntins.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated the proposed windows will adequately replicate the existing windows.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3531-07. Marina Franzoni seeking to install a sign on the existing sign post at 135 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated the sign, material and lettering are appropriate for the location. Commissioner Garrey stated he was glad the applicant had selected carved lettering. Commissioner Botticello agreed.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3532-07. Brendan Droney seeking to install a shed in the rear yard at 19 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

- Dimensions of siding to match the house.
- Shutters to be added.
- Roof to match the roof on the house.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey indicated that the shed is quite visible from the Spring Street Extension. As such, it is important that the shed's siding match the siding on the house.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPLICATION NO. 3533-07. WFLLC, Linda Pinn, Mgr. seeking to install seven (7) awnings over the storefronts at 217-233 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

- There shall be seven (7) stationery awnings and one (1) retractable awning.
- Material shall be dark green canvas.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart stated the size of the proposed awnings was appropriate and will give the building a unified look. It will also brighten up the look at that end of Main Street. Commissioners Garrey and Botticello agreed.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: September 11, 2007, September 25, 2007, and October 9, 2007

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were accepted with the correction noted and without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Botticello

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, the minutes of the September 25, and October 9, 2007 meetings were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod, Botticello

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hart seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:32PM to discuss legal matters.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hart seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to leave Executive Session at 7:50PM.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:50PM.

Aye: Botticello, Garrey, Hart, Maycock, McLeod

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk